

of the District Court of the United States for the District of Connecticut whose compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for other district judges and who shall reside within the said district of Connecticut.

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amended.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President.

Effective upon approval.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

CHAP. 301.—An Act To provide for the widening of C Street northeast, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1927.
[S. 5435.]

[Public, No. 704.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of Chapter XV of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia a proceeding in rem to condemn the land necessary for the widening of C Street between North Carolina Avenue and Twenty-first Street northeast, to provide for an addition to the width of said street of forty feet on the south side of said street, the land to be condemned for the said widening being a strip of land forty feet wide through squares 1082, 1093, 1107, 1118, and 1125, lying immediately south of the present south line of C Street: *Provided*, That if the amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in such proceeding as damages for and in respect of the land condemned for said widening of C Street, plus the costs and expenses of the proceeding, is greater than the amount of benefits assessed, then the amount of such excess shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, but it shall be optional with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of the jury or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause.

District of Columbia.
C Street NE.
Condemning land to widen.
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Proviso,
If damages exceed benefits, excess payable from District revenues.

Option of commissioners.

SEC. 2. That the appropriation contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927 (Public, Numbered 205, Sixty-ninth Congress), for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of streets, avenues, roads, or highways, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways in that portion of the District of Columbia outside of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, is hereby made available to pay the awards and expenses under this Act, and the amounts assessed as benefits, when collected, shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Indefinite highways appropriation available for awards and expenses.
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Benefit assessments credited to the District.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

CHAP. 302.—An Act Authorizing the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

March 3, 1927.
[S. 5523.]

[Public, No. 705.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims which the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in the State of Wyoming may have against the United States arising under or growing out of the treaty of July 3, 1868 (Fifteenth Statutes, page 673), or arising under or growing out of any subsequent treaty or agreement between said Shoshone

Shoshone Indians, Wyo.
Claims of, against United States, submitted to Court of Claims.

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Tribe of Indians and the United States or any subsequent Act of Congress affecting said tribe, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated upon their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Time for filing petition.

SEC. 2. The claims of said tribe shall be presented by petition, subject, however, to amendment at any time. The suit under this Act shall be instituted or petition filed in the Court of Claims within three years from the date of approval of this Act. Such suit shall make the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified upon information and belief by the attorney or attorneys employed by said tribe to prosecute said claims under contract approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior. Letters, papers, documents, and public records, or certified copies thereof, bearing upon the claims presented, may be used in evidence; and the departments of Government shall give the attorney of said tribe access to any such letters, papers, documents, or public records and shall furnish certified copies of such thereof as may be deemed material.

Verification, etc.

Evidence admitted.

Counterclaims, etc., to be considered.

SEC. 3. In said suit the court shall also hear, examine, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against said tribe, but any payment, including gratuities which the United States may have made to said tribe, shall not operate as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as an offset in such suit: *Provided, however,* That the United States may interpose to such suit or action any and all pleas of defense, affirmative and negative, legal and equitable, which it may have thereto not herein specifically barred by the provisions of this Act. In reference to all claims which may be the subject matter of the suits herein authorized, the decree of the court shall be in full settlement of all damages, if any, committed by the Government of the United States and shall annul and cancel all claim, right, and title of the said Shoshone Indians in and to such money, lands, or other property.

Provided,
Defenses not barred.

Decree to be in full settlement annulling all claims.

Attorneys fees to be included in decree.

SEC. 4. Upon final determination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to fix and determine a reasonable fee, not to exceed 10 per centum of the recovery, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the suit, to be paid to the attorneys employed by said Shoshone Tribe of Indians, and the same shall be included in the decree and shall be paid out of any sum or sums found to be due said tribe.

Issue of process, etc.

SEC. 5. The Court of Claims shall have full authority by proper orders and process to bring in and make parties to said suit any or all persons deemed by it necessary or proper to the final determination of the matters in controversy.

Appearance of Attorney General directed.

SEC. 6. A copy of the petition in such suit shall be served upon the Attorney General of the United States, and he, or some attorney from the Department of Justice to be designated by him, is hereby directed to appear and defend the interests of the United States.

Amounts recovered to be deposited to credit of Indians.

SEC. 7. All amounts which may be found due and recovered for said tribe under the provisions of this Act, less attorneys' fees and expenses, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of said tribe and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum from the date of the judgment or decree.

Interest allowed.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

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[S. 2597.]

[Public, No. 706.]

CHAP. 303.—An Act Authorizing the President to appoint and retire certain persons first lieutenants in the Medical Corps, United States Army.

Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President